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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

In the office action, the examiner states that "[a]n election of all claims is not a proper response. Please elect a single species and state which claims read on the election." See Office Action, Page 2. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-19 read on the election. For example, Independent Claim 1 recites, at least, "a container . . . being comprised predominately of one or more materials each having an ability to withstand thermal shock that is greater than that of alumina." Applicant respectfully submits that Species B is one type of material "having an ability to withstand thermal shock that is greater than that of alumina." See, e.g., Paragraphs 13-14, Patent Specification. Claim 1 is generic to claims 2-9, which depend from independent Claim 1.

Similarly, independent Claim 10 recites a material "having an ability to withstand a thermal shock greater than that of alumina", independent Claim 16 recites "materials each having

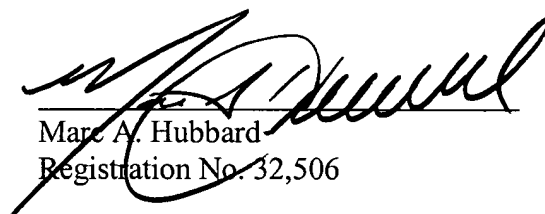
recites "one or more materials, at least one of which is a material having an ability to withstand thermal shock greater than that of alumina." For the same reasons indicated above with respect to independent Claim 1, Applicants submit that independent Claims 10, 16 and 19 read on Species B. Claim 10 is generic to Claims 11-15, which depend from independent Claim 10 and Claim 16 is generic to Claims 17-18, which depend from Claim 16.

Accordingly, Applicants re-elect Species B, with traverse, for prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-19 read on Species B.

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